

Minister of Food, Agriculture
and Light Industry of Mongolia
(MoFALI)
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Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Your Excellency,

On behalf of **Fondazione Albosaggia**, we are honoured to express our full support for the proclamation of **2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP)** and to commend the Government of Mongolia for its visionary leadership in bringing this important initiative before the United Nations General Assembly.

Fondazione Albosaggia is a non-profit foundation based in the Province of Sondrio, Lombardy, an entirely mountainous region in northern Italy, deeply characterized by alpine rangelands, transhumance practices, and pastoral cultures. For us, the IYRP represents a highly significant global framework that recognizes the vital environmental, social and cultural role of rangelands and pastoralists – themes that lie at the very heart of our mission.

Through our flagship initiative **Scargaàmuut**, an annual cultural and agro-pastoral event hosted in the mountain municipalities of Albosaggia and Caiolo, we actively promote the value of pastoralism, mountain agriculture, sustainable land management and the living heritage of transhumance. Scargaàmuut brings together pastoralists, institutions, scientists, young people and the wider public, combining traditional practices with contemporary reflection on innovation, climate resilience and the future of pastoral systems.

In the context of IYRP 2026, Fondazione Albosaggia intends to contribute by aligning Scargaàmuut explicitly with the International Year and by participating in the global awareness-raising effort through:

- dedicating Scargaàmuut 2026 to the themes and messages of the IYRP;
- promoting public communication and educational activities on the role of rangelands and pastoralists;
- hosting cultural, scientific and outreach moments focused on sustainable pastoralism, mountain rangelands and intergenerational knowledge transmission;
- strengthening dialogue between pastoralists, researchers, institutions and citizens, including through conferences and thematic exhibitions.

In particular, our conference **“From the plough to the drone”** highlights collaboration between pastoralists and scientists and explores how innovation and technology can support pastoral communities in adapting to change while safeguarding their wellbeing – contributing directly to the IYRP vision of fostering knowledge, innovation and sustainable futures.

As a non-profit foundation, Fondazione Albosaggia does not have financial resources to allocate to external funding schemes related to the IYRP. Our commitment will therefore take the form of **in-kind contributions**, organisational capacity, communication efforts, and the full integration of IYRP values and messages into Scargaàmuut and related initiatives.

We believe that local, place-based initiatives such as Scargaàmuut can meaningfully contribute to the global objectives of the IYRP by translating international priorities into concrete cultural, educational and community-based action.

We respectfully submit this letter as an expression of our support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026 and of our willingness to be an active participant in its implementation.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,



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